Production of Fruits

1590. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of fruits in our country during the last three years;

(b) what is India's ranking amongest the fruits producing countries of the World;

(c) what is Government's policy of fruit exports; and

(d) what comments has FAO made about the perishing of our fruit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The figures for 1992-93 are not available. However, the production of fruits in our country during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 28.24, 28.388 and 32.075 million tonnes respectively.

(b) India's position among fruits growing countries is second in the World.

(c) The Government policy is to encourage export of fruit both in fresh as well as in processed form.

(d) No commeents from FAO have been communicated on perishing of our fruits.

Hike in Procurement Prices of Foodgrains

1591. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the projected or expected benefit in terms of financial gains to farmers due to hike in procurement prices of various food grains and sugar in last year and during the current year; and

(b) the details regarding the gains in each crop, the land under cultivation by various crops and financial benefits accrued to farmers due to hike in procurement prices ? '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The expected per quintal increase in financial gain as measured by the hike in the minimum support prices in respect of foodgrains and sugarcane for 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under :

Commodity	Increase in minimum support price (Rs. per quintal) 1992-93 1993-94	
	1991-92	1992-93
Paddy Fine Common	40	40
Fine	40	50
	40	60
	35	20
Kharif Pulses (Arhar, Moong & Urad)	95	60 .
	50	55
Gram	50	100
	5.00	3.5O